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SUBJECT: HMG PRAISES U.S. AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN STRATEGY, PREPARES FOR JANUARY CONFERENCE

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 b and d

[1](#)1. (C/NF) Summary. Prime Minister Brown was "very pleased" by President Obama's December 1 speech describing the way forward in Afghanistan ar  
U.S. and UK Messages In Synch -----

[1](#)2. (C/NF) Philip Barton, Director, Afghanistan and Pakistan, in the Cabinet Office's Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat, told the Politics

[1](#)3. (C/NF) Barton expressed appreciation for the fact that U.S. and UK leaders have publicly issued statements that are in synch regarding Afg  
Planning for the January 28 Conference -----

[1](#)4. (C/NF) UK planning for the January 28 London international Conference on Afghanistan is not yet "fully formed," Barton acknowledged. Prime

[1](#)5. (C/NF) HMG has five broad goals for the conference, Barton said. First, the Conference should agree on a "process for transferring power to  
What the Conference is NOT -----

[1](#)6. (C/NF) HMG does not plan to invite defense ministers to the Conference, as the Conference should not have an exclusive, or even primary, se  
PM Gilani's Visit to the UK -----

[1](#)7. (C/NF) Barton confirmed that Pakistani Prime Minister Gilani will meet with Prime Minister Brown in London December 3. Brown will press Gil

[1](#)8. (C/NF) Gilani will probably raise his concerns about Prime Minister Brown's recent calls for Pakistan to take more robust measures to fight  
Travel Plans -----

[1](#)9. (C/NF) PM Brown will visit British troops in Afghanistan sometime before Christmas, and Foreign Secretary Miliband may visit Pakistan in Ja